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Tiara Air with Aruba logo lands at Reina Beatrix International Airport this past weekend; Insel Air in Curacao

Photo at right shows a Tiara Air airplane with the Aruba logo. Photo below is of an Insel Air Aircraft with the official Aruba logo after it landed in Curacao on Saturday, June 4 from Holland. Aruba's Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber was present at the Curacao airport to welcome the plane accompanied by his Curacao colleagues.

On Friday, a Tiara Air plane arrived with the Aruba logo, proceeding from the U.S. to land at the Reina Beatrix International Airport on Aruba; it was an exciting moment for all those involved in the project of designating Tiara and Insel as signature airlines of Aruba.

Minister Oduber has strived diligently to involve local private enterprises in branding Aruba; these are two excellent examples of this successful campaign, which will propagate the name of the island as they land and take off from their various international destinations.







Storms over Caribbean could become tropical storm

A big, sloppy, disorganized weather system in the Caribbean has about a 40-percent chance of becoming a tropical cyclone over the next day or two, according to federal forecasters.

The National Hurricane Center said that the weather system was about 130 miles south of Grand Cayman.

Forecasters said it may develop further over the next two days befor eupper level winds will discourage its development.

The system appears to be headed - slowly - to the north or northwest.



Peru has a new president



PERU, Lima: Presidential candidate of the Gana Peru Party, retired Army commander Ollanta Humala, waves to the crowd with his wife Nadine Heredia as he celebrates. Peruvians voted Sunday in an extremely close presidential run-off between Ollanta Humala, a nationalist ex-lieutenant colonel and Keiko Fujimori, daughter of a jailed ex-strongman.

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China backs Ban for second term as **UN** chief

BEIJING, China (AFP) -China, a permanent member of the UN Security Council, has backed Ban Ki-moon's bid for a second term as chief of the global body, praising his work over the past four years.

Ban, who has led the United Nations since January 2007, on Monday put himself forward for a second five-year term as secretary general.

"As a native Asian, Mr Ban Ki-moon has served the United Nations for more than four years," said Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Hong Lei in comments reported by official Chinese news agency Xinhua on Tuesday. "China applauds his work as the secretary general," Hong said.

China's UN ambassador Li Baodong said Asian nations backed Ban and that he had

strengthened the UN role in promoting "peace and development" during his term.

France, another permanent member of the Security Council, also quickly came out in support of Ban's bid.

Ban earlier said China must improve human rights as he defended his record on the issue in announcing his bid for a new term.

He has been criticised by rights groups in the past about his use of "quiet diplomacy" with China and other major

But the UN secretary general insisted he has always spoken out on human rights, which he called a "cornerstone" of the UN charter.

Ban was particularly criticised after a visit to China in November when he failed to raise the case of jailed Nobel Peace Prize winner Liu Xiaobo in a meeting with China's President Hu Jintao

leaves 'troubling questions'

UNITED NATIONS, (AFP) -The chief prosecutor of the Yugoslavia war crimes court said Monday there are "troubling questions" about how Ratko Mladic escaped capture for 16 years in Serbia.

Mladic's arrest was an "excellent result," Brammertz told the UN council, while highlighting the 16 years that the man accused of 11 charges of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes in the 1992-95 Bosnian war escaped international justice.

Brammertz said that Serbia still had to reinforce its fugitive hunting system. "We want the remaining ICTY fugitive -- Goran Hadzic -- apprehended without delay." Hadzic, leader of Croatian Serb rebels during the Balkan wars, is the last of 161 people indicted by the court who is still on the run.

Mladic arrest Markets dive as divided Peru digests Humala victory

LIMA, Peru (AFP) - Peru's stock market posted a record loss and world silver prices spiked Monday, as markets gave a negative reaction to leftist Ollanta Humala's win in a presidency runoff.

The ex-lieutenant colonel claimed victory after Sunday's poll against right-wing lawmaker Keiko Fujimori, raising fears of a Venezuela-style upheaval in a country that is a vital supplier of precious metals to the global market.

Humala had campaigned on promises to share out Peru's mineral wealth -- including gold, silver and copper -- while playing down his former ties to Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

With more than 90 percent of the vote counted, Humala,

48, slightly extended his lead Monday, with 51.37 percent, against 48.63 percent for Fujimori, daughter of a jailed exstrongman, official figures showed.

"I recognize his triumph," Fujimori said in a brief message to the media Monday. "I salute his victory and I wish him luck."

Peru's stock market tumbled, posting a record 12.5 percent loss despite a mid-session halt to trading and early close to try to limit the damage. Peruvian mining companies were among the biggest

The picture was scarcely more positive outside Peru. In London, silver prices rose, by 2.1 percent to \$36.99 per troy

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This handout picture released by the Chilean Air Force shows the cloud of ash billowing from Puyehue volcano near Osorno in southern Chile, 870 km south of Santiago, taken on June 6, 2011. Puyehue volcano erupted for the first time in half a century this week, prompting evacuations for 3,500 people as it sent a cloud of ash that reached Argentina. The National Service of Geology and Mining said the explosion that sparked the eruption also produced a column of gas 10 kilometers (six miles) high, hours after warning of strong seismic activity in the area.

AFP PHOTO

NATO hits Kadhafi intelligence HQ

TRIPOLI, Libya (AFP) -NATO air raids targeted the military intelligence headquarters of Moamer Kadhafi's battered regime on Monday, ahead of a visit to Libya by an envoy from Russia which has raised concerns about the scope of the military campaign.

Royal Air Force Tornado and Typhoon warplanes hit the military intelligence HQ in Tripoli on Monday, Major General Nick Pope, spokesman for the Chief of Defence Staff, said in London.

The Western military alliance said that its aircraft "delivered precision-guided weapons as part of a campaign which continues to degrade Kadhafi's ability to commit crimes on his own people."

A Libyan information ministry official said that NATOled warplanes also hit offices of the state broadcaster but the alliance denied the charge.

NATO-led warplanes were in the air over the Libyan capital again on Monday evening. An AFP correspondent heard two loud explosions in the city centre, state television said that a telecommunications centre was hit, cutting telephone lines in several areas.

Tripoli will not be on the itinerary of Russian President Dmitry Medvedev's envoy Mikhail Margelov, who will instead meet rebel leaders in their Benghazi stronghold today, an official said in Moscow.

Russia has voiced concerns that the NATO operation is sliding towards a land campaign.

The Libyan regime, meanwhile, insisted on its credibility after foreign journalists raised doubts over the case of a baby girl in hospital who officials said had been wounded in a NATO air strike.









Ralph Lauren Designer, Fashion Consultant and Jeans Expert coming to Aruba to teach **Art Rules Aruba 2011 Fashion Design class**

In the famous words of Coco Chanel "In order to be irreplaceable one must always be different," Art Rules Aruba 2011 is taking the Fashion Design workshops to the "next" level.

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Offered by last years teachers, Jeans Expert and Designer Muriel Salimin (currently working for Macy's fashion Label American Rag) and Fashion Designer & Consultant Richard Mkoloma (Freelance designer for Puma, Sean Jean, Levi's and many more) teachers strengthen their team and broaden the workshop by adding a 3rd teacher as introducing, Fashion Designer and Creator Adam Rogers.

Adam is an all round



Adam

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Electrical company ELMAR faced challenges on the weekend



During the past three days ELMAR encountered three technical fallouts which affected the supply of electricity in certain districts in Oranjestad. ELMAR's technical team responded immediately to the situation and was able to resolve these in record time. On the one hand the ready response of ELMAR attests to their commitment to provide the highest degree of excellent service, but on the other hand, these fallouts demonstrate the fact that their equipment is in urgent need of

The first fallout occurred on Wednesday evening in Oranjestad at a transformer house behind the City Hall building. Apparently due to high humidity the system

shut down causing the fallout of electricity in various parts of Oranjestad. This power failure was quickly detected and corrected.

The second fallout occurred late Saturday morning. Here again a problem was detected in a transformer house at Sabana Blanco. This fallout caused an interruption of electrical power in Paradera, Piedra Plat, Pavilla, Hooiberg, Plantenrust, Sta. Cruz, Seroe Biento and Seroe Lopez as well as in Primavera.

The third power outage occurred mid day Sunday at Butucu in San Nicolaas. Here the problem was in a high voltage fuse which caused an electrical shut down for about an hour.

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British Artist who Graduated Best BA (HONS) Menswear designer of the year from London's Prestigious Central Saint Martins in 2007. Whilst at the Brit school Adam studied Arts and Design, gaining a reputation for his customized clothes from T-shirts to jeans.

Lauren; swiftly noted Adam's talents. The Guru of American fashion noticed specifically Adam's new refined tailored inspired look which led to the designer flying Adam to New York and taking him on as a designer for Ralph Lauren's luxurious Purple Label.



Playa Linda conducts training and drills with Fire Safety First **Consultants**



PL employees with EMT's



Cliff Faldman rt, and special consultant Lt. Tom Cahoon

More than 70 staff of the Playa Linda Beach Resort participated in weeks of fire safety training culminating in simulated emergency condition drills on Monday morning, June 6.

Cliff Faldman, a 38 year veteran volunteer fireman with the Kennebunk, Maine FD, and now the force behind FSFC, an Aruban company, welcomed guest consultant Lieutenant Tom Cahoon from the Kennebunk FD to assist with the program.

"We are very please by the response of the employees and how well they took to the training," commented Lt. Cahoon. "This is the first of such programs we conducted, because Playa Linda management con-

siders it worthwhile, we hope others will follow their example." Security Manager Walter Mohammad commented that many of the employees reported for the final drills even though it was their day "They were very enthusiastic and motivated by the training; it is gratifying to see." Various classes

in how to behave during a fire, how to help the guests out of their room in smoky conditions, first aid to be administered

how to assist when EMT's arrive, were just a few of the major points covered during the weeks of classes, punctuated by anecdotes by Cliff and Tom of their actual experiences as firemen.

Having the IMSAN ambulance service stationed at Playa Linda, with their staff of EMT's proved a valuable asset during the training drill. Halls of a vacant section of the resort were filled with smoke from a machine to simulate actual conditions during a fire, allowing the staff member to experience the anxiety that can manifest and how to keep a cool head. Aruban police and fire department representatives also participated in the exer-

FSFC has been established on Aruba for 3 months, working with Verdant Assurance Company. They can be contacted for more information on their program by calling 730-

by Rosalie Klein



Employees practice in smoke filled halls



No public transport in Amsterdam today as strikes continue



AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands -- There will be no public transport in Amsterdam today, as bus, tram and metro workers go on strike in protest at government cuts.

Public transport services will stop at around 03.00 hours today and not start again until 01.00 hours tomorrow morn-

Staff are angry that the government plans to cut €120m from public transport spending and force Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague to put bus and tram services out to tender.

The Hague's public transport will be hit by a 24-hour strike tomorrow and Rotterdam will follow on Thursday.

Dutch probe samples for deadly bacteria

THE HAGUE, The Nether- that the bacterium is present in lands (AFP) -- Dutch authori- the Netherlands." ties said today they were analysing samples of sprouting seeds here following a deadly bacterial outbreak in neighbouring Germany that has killed 22 in Europe.

Food and consumer safety authority spokeswoman, Mar-Bartelink, however stressed: "There is absolutely no indication at the moment

This is a simple precaution, we have taken samples for analysis," she told AFP.

A group of Dutch experts comprising doctors and scientists met late yesterday to discuss measures should an EHEC epidemic hit the Netherlands, Dutch Institute for Public Health spokesman Toon van Wijk said

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BEWARE!!! The Family Collado-Cabreara arrived on our beautiful Island of Aruba for the wedding of Alexia and Jason. Their party started from the minute they arrived as they jumped on the Kukoo Kunuku for a fun ride to their hotel. Singing and shaking maracas the Groom Jason took over the microphone becoming the temporary new tour guide and was very entertaining! On Saturday they celebrated their "I Do's" on the Kukoo Kunuku, with a champagne toast and of course a speech from the best man the group had a great dinner at the private residence "Sylvia". Then they were off to paint the town red Kukoo Kunuku style where the Kukoo Crew taught everyone some local motion and guests danced till the stroke of Midnight. Sunday the family relaxed on the Mi Dushi Sailing Boat enjoying Aruba's beautiful blue sea, swimming and snorkeling was just the perfect way to end their weekend festivities. The Kukoo Kunuku & Mi Dushi wishes the happy couple a sunny future!!!

Electrical company ELMAR faced challenges...

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At each fallout, it was observed that the excessive heat of the last few days has caused the build up of humidity in the transformer houses which affects the equipment. ELMAR has about 800 of these transformer houses strategically located around the island. However, many of these power houses lack regular maintenance.

ELMAR invests about 15 million Florins yearly in her network of electricity, but this

amount is not enough to adequately maintain and purchase new equipment. In view of this situation, ELMAR is currently contemplating requesting a large loan to invest in a multimillion Florin upgrade/maintenance, replacement of all cables from WEB to their substations. Many of these cables are many decades old and are using an outdated antiquated system.



Sci-Tech

Extinct sea cow fossil found in Philippines

MANILA (AFP) - The bones of an extinct sea cow species that lived about 20 million years ago have been discovered in a cave in the Philippines by a team of Italian scientists, the expedition head said Monday.

Several ribs and spine parts of the aquatic mammal were found in February and March in limestone rock above the waters of an underground river on the island of Palawan, said University of Florence geologist Leonardo Piccini.

"The fossil is in the rock, in the cave. We cannot remove it and we don't want to extract it. We would like to wait (for) when the technology will allow us to study the fossil without extracting it," Piccini told AFP.

Speaking on the sidelines of a symposium at the Philippine presidential palace where the find was announced, Piccini said it was a rare discovery in the region from the Miocene era -- 20 million years ago.

"It's the first remains of this kind of animal in the area, so it is important in reconstructing the habitat and the diffusions of this animal in the Miocene," he added.

Initial comparisons with fossil specimens suggest it belongs to one of two extinct species of plant-eating sirenia, also known as sea cows, according to research by Federico Panti and Paolo Forti, a member of the Palawan expedition.

They said the animal would have been about 180 centimetres (about six feet) long

Two sea cow species live to this day, the dugong of the Indo-Pacific region and manatees of the Atlantic basin.

The paper said such fossil finds in the East had been limited to India along with some fragmentary finds in Madagascar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the Indonesian island of Java.

"The specimens (found) in the Palawan Island represent the first from the Philippines and the easternmost occurrence in the region," it added.

It called on the government to protect the area of the find in the Puerto Princesa subterranean river, which is being heavily promoted as a major tourist destination.

Osram sues Samsung, LG for alleged LED patent violations

FRANKFURT, Germany (AFP) – German lighting company Osram, which is owned by industrial giant Siemens, said Monday that it had filed suit against Samsung and LG of Korea for patent violations.

Osram filed complaints in Germany and the United States in connection with alleged violations regarding patents for light emitting diode (LED) technology and plans to file another on Tuesday against LG in China, a statement said.

"Osram stresses that Samsung and LG group companies infringe its patents on white and surface mountable LEDs in the US, Germany and as far as LG is concerned, in Japan and China," it added.

LEDs are a key component for television and computer screens.

Osram seeks a court order "to prevent Samsung and LG from importing and selling infringing LEDs and products containing these LEDs," the statement said.

It also seeks compensation from the Korean groups.

Hackers attack FBI partner website

WASHINGTON (AFP) – A group of shadowy hackers responsible for a string of recent high-profile cyberattacks has claimed to have stolen email addresses and passwords from associates of an FBI-affiliated security program.

The hackers who call themselves "Lulz Security," or LulzSec, said they had attacked the website of the Atlanta chapter of InfraGard in retaliation for US efforts to classify hacking as an act of war.

Lulz Security published a list online of around 180 email addresses and passwords which the group said were obtained from the InfraGard website

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BELGIUM, Antwerp: Solar panels on a roof run along-side a motorway during the presentation of the first Belgian train to operate on solar energy, in Antwerp today. 16,000 solar cells were installed on the roof of the tunnel housing the high speed rail line running between Antwerp and Amsterdam. (AFP PHOTO)

ANTWERP, Belgium (AFP)

– High-speed international trains linking Paris and Ams-

terdam as of Monday became the first in Europe to use electricity generated by solar panels installed in a tunnel on the line.

At a cost of 15.6 million euros, project managers say the 3.6-kilometre tunnel crossing Antwerp, in northern Belgium, is fitted with 16,000 solar panels covering 50,000 square metres, roughly eight football pitches.

The panels produce 3,300 megawatts per hour of electricity, or the average annual consumption of nearly 1,000 families.

The first "green train" left Antwerp on Monday for the Dutch border. While it was filled as usual with commuters and students, for a dozen or so kilometres, its engines plugged into the solar energy source fitted along the line.

The electricity produced feeds into the line's infrastructure, for lighting, signals and in-train power points, said Frederic Sacre, spokesman for Infrabel, which runs the rail network.

"By using electricity generated on-site, we eliminate energy losses and transport costs," said Steven De Tollenaere, head of project developers Enfinity, which leans on state subsidies backing energy use that meets clean climate goals.

The company hopes the project will allow it to develop new installations in the United States and other parts of the world, citing train hangars as ideal sites for such charging points in the future.

Australians develop 'smart' bandage

SYDNEY (AFP) - Australian researchers have developed a "smart" bandage that changes colour as a wound worsens or improves, potentially leading to the better treatment of ailments such as leg ulcers.

Lead inventor Louise van der Werff, a materials scientist at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, said the dressing would change from red to blue depending on the temperature of the wound.

"If the wound becomes infected then it typically gets warmer. It would get cooler if there were, for example, a compromised blood supply,"

she told AFP on Monday.

Van der Werff said wound changes were not always obvious and the fibre she helped devise, using liquid crystals which react to different temperatures, could show changes of less than half a degree Celsius.

"A temperature is sort of

an obvious indication -- if they can see that through a colour change then hopefully it can help a lot," she said.

Van der Werff, who is completing her doctorate at Monash University in Melbourne, said plans were underway to incorporate the colour-changing fibre into a textile.

"Our main target is for chronic wound care -- the elderly, obese and people with diabetes who can get wounds like leg ulcers and pressure ulcers and things like that which can really last a long time without healing properly," she said.



Health & Living

It's Not Just Fat:

Hip Bones Widen With Age, Too



-- People continue to grow well into their 70s, but they're not growing taller, they're growing wider, new research shows.

Researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine found that people's pelvic bones (hip bones) continue to grow long after they reach skeletal maturity. The end result: extra inches at the waistline and many extra pounds on the scale.

"Whether or not they also have an increase in body fat, our findings suggest that pelvic growth may contribute to people becoming wider and having a large waist size as they get older," said Dr. Laurence E. Dahners, senior study author and a professor of orthopedics at UNC, in a university news release. "If the rest of the body is widening, this might account for a significant portion of an increase in body weight of about one pound a

year."

In conducting the study, published online this week in the Journal of Orthopaedic Research, researchers used CT scans to measure the width and height of 246 patients in various age groups. The study found the width of the patients' pelvises continued to grow, even after skeletal maturity at 20 years of age. Specifically, the researchers noted, the pelvic inlet (the birth canal opening in the middle of the pelvis) widened, which is evidence of actual pelvic growth.

On average, the pelvic width of the oldest patients in the study was nearly an inch larger than the width of the youngest patients. The study's authors explained this one-inch increase alone could amount to three extra inches on the waist between the ages of 20 and 79 years. They also noted this widening could also account for a significant portion of an annual one-pound weight gain.

Initial E. coli tests on sprouts negative

BERLIN, Germany (AFP) – The source of a killer bacteria remained elusive on Monday after Germany announced that initial tests on suspected organic sprouts had proved negative, while the outbreak's death toll grew to 23.

The probes were carried out on a farm in the northern state of Lower Saxony after regional agriculture minister Gerd Lindermann said a link had been found to the main areas hit by the E. coli outbreak.

Results available from 23 of the 40 samples of seeds, water, ventilation and work surfaces tested indicated they were free of the bacteria responsible for 23 deaths and more than 2,000 people falling ill, the state's agriculture ministry said.

Federal Agriculture Minister Ilse Aigner said Germany would maintain warnings against eating sprouts as well as tomatoes, lettuce and cucumbers, particularly in the north of the country, until the origin had been pinpointed.

But Andreas Hensel, head of the Federal Institute for Risk

Assessment, said that "it is possible we shall never be able to identify the source" of the contamination.

Aigner said investigations were continuing with checks on vegetable supply chains and producers up and down the country.

She was to travel to Luxembourg to attend an emergency meeting of European Union agriculture ministers which is to discuss aid for farmers who are unable to sell their vegetables because of growing consumer fears.

The Spanish government had sharply criticised Germany after officials in Hamburg, the epicentre of the scare, warned the outbreak might be linked to organic cucumbers imported from Spain before retracting their statement.

Similar outbreaks in Japan between 1996 and 2003 infected more than 10,000 people and left 22 dead, according to the Japanese health ministry.

Japan suspected that radish sprouts were to blame, but they found no conclusive evidence and farmers later successfully sued for compensation.



History of the AHSF

ORANJESTAD -- The Aruba Hospitality & Security Foundation (AH&SF) was founded on June 1st, 2001 by Jan van Nes and Roland Peterson as members of the AHATA security committee. There was a need for more security and visibility of police officers in the hotels area and AHATA was concerned that the response time after incidents was not in line with what was expected of a quality destination. Then Commissioner Jan van der Straten was a member of the AHATA Security Committee and through his efforts, the Police opened their doors for a private and public partnership through a Foundation that would facilitate while the Police Force would enforce law and order.

The VT formula invented by then Commissioner Ronny Bernadina proofed to be successful and in December 2001 the Visibility Team was launched to patrol the high-rise hotels. In 2003 the VT team expanded to the low rise resorts and one year later to Oranjestad and San Nicolaas, this last district with thanks to Valero who sponsored the team for several years. St, Cruz followed in 2005 but due to a lack of funds was abandoned one year later.

The Aruba Hospitality & Security Foundation organized



the first bi-annual international Tourism Security conference in 2006 followed by other well visited conferences in 2008 and 2010 spearheaded by renowned international security expert Dr. Tarlow. Another Conference is planned for 2012.

Also credit to the AH&SF were the frequent training sessions for the VT team and police but also the monthly meetings with hotel security directors that would exchange data, intelligence and synchronize work methods. Police management joined in those meetings which proved to be very beneficial and where those present appreciated the lectures of ex head commissioner Roland Peterson.

The AH&SF expanded her activities with the Beach Police on the water by sponsoring equipment and in 2010 sponsored courses that lead to certification of Life Guards.

Tourists in general are appreciative of seeing VT team members on quads, on bicycles and on foot in the hotel areas and response time on many occasions was commended. Visits from other islands familiarizing themselves with this concept once again showed that Aruba was a front runner in procuring a safe island.

On June 1st, 2011 retiring President Jesus Cardoso thanked all who had collaborated in supporting the AH&SF in past years. At this occasion a new truck and 4 bicycles were handed over to Mrs. Trudy Hassell, Commissioner in charge of the VT team at an office facilitated by Meta Corporation. Plans for the future include a brainstorming session with Dr. Tarlow to determine the new direction the AH&SF, Police Force and Destination Management is heading procuring that Aruba will remain a safe tourism destination.

"Dushi Ambiente" despite the drizzles at Paseo Herencia fundraiser

International Special Olympics 2011 are due to begin in Athens, Greece on June 25, and Paseo Herencia in Palm Beach hosted a final fundraising effort to send a delegation from of special athletes to compete in the World Summer Games, on Sunday, June 5.

Beginning in the afternoon a stellar line up of local dance and musical volunteered their talents in a show that went on until well after dark, which was broadcast live via Internet news site 24.ora.com and si-



Olympic Gold Medal winner Indra

multaneously Cable TV I-49. MC's Juan Carlos and Julie kept the excitement going through the afternoon and Lionel and Sandra from Top FM took over in the evening to electrify the audience.

Special Olympics Foundation Aruba expresses their gratitude to the spectacular dance shows put on by Pachanga and their little Pachangitos, Grupo Gucci and Chaz Dancers; singer Mark Gonzales opened the afternoon's entertainment followed by Francis Jacobs





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and his son John Francis.

Local folkloric singers Grupo Betico took over as the sun sets followed by a fabulous bikini fashion show put on by La Langosta Baleaneres with models from Knock-Out Agency of Ronchi di Cuba.

At this point, steady drizzles did not dampen the spirit or smooth baritone of veteran performer Victor Samuel-"El Duque," nor the contemporary song stylings of "The Hot Ones," who continued to play with their equipment under tarpaulins.

The grand finale with regional criollo group Rincon Boyz was conducted under the canopy of the TGI Friday's restaurant because of the increasing precipitation; this proved a real treat for local and tourist audiences, who were soon drawn into the driving beat and dancing around the tables.

This star-studded line up was punctuated by a brief word from Aruba's Minister of Public Health and Sport, Dr. Richard Visser. The highlight of the day was a visit from representatives of the Valero Volunteers, an organization of the employees of the refinery, who presented a check of 18,000 Aruban florins donation from the workers plus 1,000 Aruban florins from Valero management to help send the special athletes on their way.

Foundation board members Arturo Werleman and Netty William express their heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers that donated their time to the fundraising event, and sponsor Tiara Air and Divi Resorts, Westin Aruba Resort, Digicel, the Aruba International Film Festival, La Langoste Balaneares, TGI Friday's and It Mode who donated the prizes for their fundraising raffles, thousands of tickets were sold that day. Winners will be published shortly. A particular thank you goes to the efforts of



Mark Gonzalez

Paseo Herencia management Valeria Camacho-Pietersz and Candy Rasmijn in their continuing sponsorship of worthy causes and Michael Carty and Mark Benson Denz of 24ora.com for their steadfast support. Unfortunately Sunday's fundraiser fell somewhat short of their goal, and donations to assist the delegation in representing Aruba at this year's Olympics will be appreciated. Contributions can be made to RBTT Bank Acct #4056892-Fundacion Special Olympics Aruba.

by Rosalie Klein



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The Anne Frank statue was created in the Netherlands by Dutch bronze artist Joep Coppens, who used the same process to create the bronze statue as was used in ancient times. Once finished, the statue was packed up and transported on a KLM Cargo plane to Aruba, where the statue will be unveiled in its new home in the Wilhelmina Park.

RESPECT LIFE...always remember was founded to safeguard the rights of every member of society in Aruba, promote tolerance, solidarity, freedom and equality of every co-citizen, and fight specifically against practices of: racism, anti-semitism and xenophobia, which can rear their heads at any time.

The first board of directors of the foundation, consisting of Mrs. Diana Gonzalez-Pieters as president and Mr. Jose Fernandes Perna as vice-president; Mrs. Martha Goldenberg-Lichtenstein as secretary, Mrs. Shereen de Cuba as treasurer, Mrs. Gwenan Boekhoudt, International Relations and Special Affairs, and Ms Shade Cybulkiewicz, Public Relations, is extending an open invitation to the community of Aruba to be a part of the statue's unveiling ceremony when the sun sets on June 12th, which is also Anne Frank's birthday.

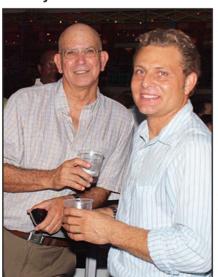
Photos show the Anne Frank statue boxed up and ready for its flight on KLM to Aruba.

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by Rosalie Klein





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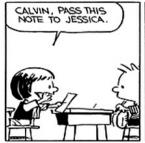


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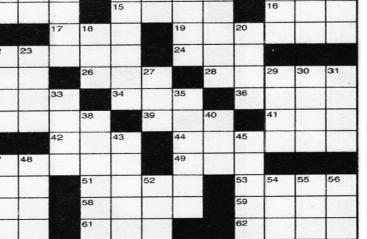
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Strauss-Kahn pleads not guilty to sex crimes



Dominique Strauss-Kahn (C) and his lawyers Benjamin Brafman (R) and William Taylor (L)

NEW YORK, (AFP) - Fallen IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn yesterday pleaded not guilty to attempted rape, setting up a fierce New York courtroom showdown with his

Asked how he pleaded to seven counts of sex crimes, the former head of the world

lender, once a top contender for president of France, stood before Judge Michael Obus and more than 100 journalists to say: "Not guilty."

Strauss-Kahn, 62, then left with his wife and two burly bodyguards assigned to enforce his house arrest.

Outside the New York State Supreme Court, a lawyer for the Sofitel hotel maid accusing Strauss-Kahn of trying to rape her said

she would take the stand during the trial.

From the courthouse steps he told a huge crowd of journalists that the alleged sexual assault in Strauss-Kahn's Sofitel luxury suite May 14 had left her "traumatized."

A group of maids arrived by

bus to demonstrate at the court, booing Strauss-Kahn as he arrived and chanting "Shame on you!" Their cries were audible from the 13th floor courtroom where his seven minute arraignment hearing unfolded.

The next court hearing was set for July 18 and a trial could be months away. While the maid is set to be the main prosecution witness, Strauss-Kahn can choose not to testify.

Defense lawyers led by high-profile attorney Benjamin Brafman are strongly indicating they will not challenge the assertion that a sexual encounter took place. This could be in recognition of apparently strong physical evidence collected by police, including, according to leaked reports, semen on the maid's shirt.

Instead, Brafman could argue that sex was consensual and that prosecutors cannot prove force was used.

LAGOS, Nigeria (AFP) -

Nigeria's most prominent

militant group MEND on

Monday threatened to attack

facilities of the Italian energy

firm Eni in the country, ac-

cusing it of stealing oil and of

Supreme Court okays Halliburton class-action suit

WASHINGTON, (AFP) -The US Supreme Court gave the green light Monday to a group seeking to bring a class-action lawsuit against US oil services firm Halliburton for alleged fraud.

The nine judges unanimously decided that the plaintiffs, a group of investors, do not need to prove a direct relationship between Halliburton's alleged fraudulent statements and the investors' financial losses in order to pursue the lawsuit.

Halliburton is accused of making a series of false statements about its business dealings that artificially inflated its stock price.

Afterward, Halliburton disclosed corrections that then caused stock prices to drop at the loss of investors.

The suit is on behalf of all investors who purchased Halliburton stock between June

Nigerian militants threaten to

attack Italy's Eni oil plants

3, 1999 and December 7,

Former US Vice President Dick Cheney was chairmen and Chief Executive Officer of Halliburton until 2000.

The ruling sent Halliburton shares plummeting 4.6 percent by close to the end of New York trade Monday.

The court noted that in order to win a securities fraud action, investors must prove that the company's "deceptive conduct caused their claimed economic loss," a requirement known as "loss causation."

But Chief Justice John Roberts said in the decision that the plaintiffs are not required to prove loss causation in order to bring about their class-action lawsuit.

The ruling could make it easier to bring similar class action suits against other



NIEDERAICHBACH, Germany: A Greenpeace activist projects the sentence "Every day of nuclear power is a day too much" on a cooling tower of the Isar nuclear power plant in Niederaichbach, southern Germany, on June 6, 2011, to protest against the German government's nuclear policy. The German cabinet signed off on a bill phasing out nuclear power in Europe's biggest economy by 2022, prompted by the disaster in March 2011 at Japan's Fukushima plant.

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backing NATO-led air raids on Libya. The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) in an emailed statement said Eni engaged in

"theft" in Nigeria's southern oil-rich region and assisted a special Nigerian military unit

deployed there.

"The Eni group has actively participated in the theft of oil in the Niger delta for decades, assisting the Nigerian military in its scorched earth and genocidal actions against the justice-seeking citizens of the Niger delta," it noted.

MEND claims to be fighting for an fairer share of the oil wealth for area residents.

It also highlighted "with outrage the involvement of the ENI group of Italy in the attacks on the innocent citizens of Libya by Western nations intent on plundering the mineral resources of that nation."

"In solidarity with the oppressed people of Libya we vow this day to henceforth pursue the complete destruction of all investment owned by ENI group in Nigeria and urge all around Africa to do likewise," it said.

Nine of NATO's 28 members states are taking part in France and Britain leading the offensive, but it was not clear why the militants

bombing of communities in AKA DANA the Niger delta allegedly by LAG GREW the Nigerian military.

The deeply impoverished Niger Delta region has been hit by scores of attacks and kidnappings in recent years by criminal gangs and militant groups

Oil accounts for more than 90 percent of Nigeria's foreign exchange earnings and some 80 percent of government revenue.

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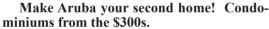


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Linda and Ramon Pimienta with their son Raymond, at

Pimienta started their small for ten years are ready to business at the old wharf serve you with a smile. down town, little did they know that they had a goldmine when it comes to the sunny side up with ham and perfect blend of international and local cuisine. Nowadays, they are located right behind the Royal Plaza Mall where they serve up a storm to visitors and locals alike. What is their secret? Offering high quality dishes at super prizes that fit anyone's budget.

When Linda and Ramon have been with the company

Besides serving traditional breakfast dishes such as eggs cheese, scrambled or plain they also serve pastechi horna (a small pie pocket with different fillings), crêpes, sweet crêpes and bagels with cream cheese smoked salmon or boiled eggs

If you want to really experience the Aruban twist you might want to try something



Fisherman has been serving menu served on pan grandi tional twist for lunch and din- try the delicious kerrie-kerrie ner and they have managed to stay on top by using high fish), conch, fish egg, shrimp, 'funchi' (polenta) and "pan fruit salad and yoghurt.

For ten years The Old from the local breakfast local cuisine with an interna- (rama) or a baguefte. You can (a typical Aruban flaked quality fresh ingredients. fish fillet, fish cake and the From their fish cakes with chicken soup or you can have



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MARIEHAMN, Finland (AFP) – A bottle of Veuve Clicquot, among the world's oldest champagne, was auctioned week-end for a record-setting 30,000 euros (\$43,560) near where it was found in a shipwreck at the bottom of the Baltic Sea.

The nearly 200-year-old bottle was part of the booty from a shipwreck dating from between 1825 and 1830, and discovered last July on the sea floor near Finland's autonomous Aaland archipelago.

"This is an emotional bottle, because this is the wine of Madame Clicquot herself," Fabienne Moreau, a historian for Veuve Clicquot, told AFP, referring to Barbe-Nicole Clicquot Ponsardin, the woman who ruled the famous house in the 19th century.

A bottle of champagne from the now-extinct house of Juglar, which was salvaged from the same wreck, sold for 24,000 euros in the same auction, a Singaporean buyer had bought both bottles.

Female couple flout French same-sex marriage ban

NANCY, France (AFP) – Two women succeeded in dodging France's same-sex marriage ban to say "I do" on Saturday -- because one of the happy couple is still, legally, a man.

Stephanie Nicot, 59, wed 27-year-old partner Elise in a town hall ceremony in Nancy in eastern France in what is said to be the first marriage of its kind in the country.

Stephanie, formerly Stephane, had sex reassignment surgery to become a woman but has refused to lodge documents, as required by French law, to also have her gender changed on the population register.

"It's a symbol for millions of gays and lesbians who would like to have the same rights," Nicot said of her marriage

"It's the first marriage in France of its kind," Nancy's deputy mayor Laurent Henart told AFP.

The newly-weds later joined around 2,000 members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community for a march in the



Stephanie Nicot (L) wed partner Elise in a town hall ceremony in Nancy in eastern France

city.

The only regret voiced by one of the guests was that the marriage official "called Stephanie by her old, male name."

There are between 40,000 and 50,000 transsexual and transgender people living in France, according to support groups.

The French constitutional court in January upheld the country's gay marriage ban,

saying it was in keeping with the constitution.

The court made the ruling in response to a bid by a lesbian couple, who have four children, to marry after spending 10 years in a PACS, or civil union.

Several of France's European Union fellow member states, including Spain, Belgium and the Netherlands, have legalised homosexual marriage.

Local football clinics by Dutch football Stars was great!



Local coaches and trainers at clinic given by Dutch football players





This week two Dutch football greats were on the island; namely, Andre Ooijer and Rob Witschge. Several other players of the Dutch Ajax football team were also here giving clinics. Both super

players offered clinics to trainers of our local teams. They also offered sessions to a select number of our own footballers. The training events began on Friday and continued to Sunday at the Frans Figaroa Stadium in Noord.

Minister of Sports, Richard Visser is very pleased that he was able to convince KNVB and the Dutch footballers to come to Aruba and offer these clinics to our local players.

The main focus of the training sessions was on health. Andre Ooijer and his partner Rob Witschge and the other trainers shared their expertise as professional footballers. They also shared valuable advice regarding nutrition in an effort to encourage our young players to eat,







drink and live healthy.

On Friday, they conducted a special training session for local trainers who work with footballers between the 7 to 17 years category. Furthermore, 125 athletes of different sports, not only footballers, were invited to participate in a special H-Extreme training on Saturday from 9:00am to 4:00 pm at Frans Figaroa Stadium. Rene Wild and his Dutch trainers conducted this training session. Participation was gratis and included a healthy lunch.

The accompanying photos show our youngsters in training with the Dutch football stars.



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World champions ease to victory over WIndies

PORT OF SPAIN (AFP) -Rohit Sharma led the way with an unbeaten 68, and Shikhar Dhawan scored 51 to propel India to a facile fourwicket victory over West In-dies in the first One-day International on Monday.

Sharma struck three fours and one six from 75 balls, and Dhawan hit the same number of boundaries from 76 deliveries, as India, chasing 215 for victory, reached their target with 31 balls remaining.

Harbhajan Singh hit the winning runs with a six over deep square leg off West Indies captain Darren Sammy.

India take a 1-0 lead in the five-match series, which continues on Wednesday at the same venue.

"It was a pleasing victory for us," said India captain Suresh Raina.

"Our bowlers did a good job for us, and this was followed by Rohit and Shikhar.

"It was a bit shaky for us when he started our chase because the pitch was not all that good for free-scoring batting, but we rotated the strike very well, especially Rohit, and we got the job done very well."

India's spinners, led by Harbhajan, took their cue from Pakistan before them, and restricted West Indies to 214 for nine from their allocation of 50 overs.

Harbhajan collected three for 32 from 10 overs, and led the five spin bowling options



batsmen Sharma (L) and Harbhajan Singh celebrate after Singh hit India's victory shot

employed by the Indians, collecting five wickets, and conceding 125 runs from a collective 31 overs.

Ramnaresh Sarwan hit the top score of 56 from 94 deliveries, and Marlon Samuels made 55 from 75 balls in a third wicket stand of 82 that gave the innings some backbone, after West Indies, electing to bat, went into a tailspin on 59 for three in the 19th

This is the first ODI series for India, since they won the World Cup on home soil two months ago.





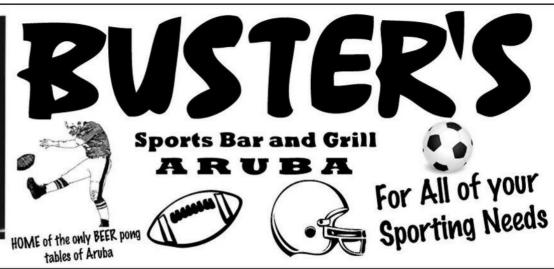


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Heat hold off Mavericks to seize NBA Finals

DALLAS, Texas (AFP) – Chris Bosh scored a tie-breaking jump shot with 39.6 seconds left as the Miami Heat held on for a 88-86 win over the Dallas Mavericks in game three of the NBA finals.

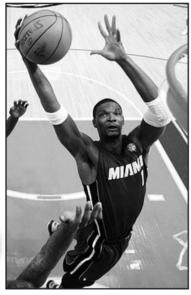
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Dwyane Wade finished with 29 points and 11 rebounds, LeBron James scored 17 points, and Mario Chalmers came off the bench

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TORONTO	30	29	.508	4.0
BALTIMORE	26	31	.456	7.0
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DETROIT	31	27	.534	2.5
CHICAGO	28	33	.459	7.0
KANSAS	25	34	.424	9.0
MINNESOTA	21	37 .	.362	12.5
West				
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SEATTLE	31	28	.525	2.5
LA ANGELES	30	31	.492	4.5
OAKLAND	27	33	.450	7.0

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to score 12 for the Heat who took a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

"I have confidence in my shot and my teammates have confidence in me too," said Bosh. "I just have to let it go."

Miami, who at one stage led by 14 points in the first half, had to toil for their victory as the Mavericks rallied for the second dramatic finish in a row.

Wade got the ball in the final minute and was able to run the clock down before

passing to Bosh who made the 16 foot jumper with just 39 second remaining in front of a sellout crowd of 20,340 at the American Airlines Center arena.

Game four is tonight in

Dirk Nowitzki scored 34 points for the Mavericks, who just fell short of pulling off another stunning comefrom-behind victory.

"We had our opportunities we just weren't good enough," Nowitzki said. "Basketball is a game of runs but we can't go down by 15 all the time and climb back."

This year's final is a rematch of the 2006 NBA championship that Miami took in six games for its first title in franchise history. Dallas has never won the NBA crown in its 31-year existence.

Game three winners after a 1-1 split in the NBA finals have gone on to win 11-of-11 titles.

The Mavericks played without two of their key players. Caron Butler has a ruptured right tendon and has not played in the series while Brendan Haywood missed his first game with an injured right hip.

Burress leaves prison, plans NFL return



ROME (AFP) - Plaxico Burress, a former star receiver for American football's New York Giants, was released from prison on Monday after spending almost 21 months behind bars on a criminal weapons charge.

Burress, a hero for the Giants in a Super Bowl triumph three years ago, turns 34 in August and plans on working out ahead of an NFL return once the bargaining dispute between club owners and players over money has ended.

"As far as football is concerned, if and when everything gets settled, when they get back on the field, I'll be ready," Burress vowed.

Burress caught a 13-yard touchdown pass from Eli

Manning with 35 seconds remaining in the 2008 Super Bowl to give the Giants a 17-14 victory over New England

and spoil the Patriots' bid for an undefeated championship run.

But Burress walked into a Manhattan nightclub in November of 2008 with a gun tucked in the top of his trousers. The gun slipped

tucked in the top of his trousers. The gun slipped down and a shot was fired as he tried to grab the gun, wounding Burress in the thigh.

Burress had no permit to carry a weapon in New York. A permit to carry the weapon in Florida had expired.

In August of 2009, Burress pleaded guilty to attempted criminal weapons possession and was sentenced to two years in prison, but his release came three months early for good behavoir

"I just want to thank God for bringing me through one of the most trying times in my life," Burress said as he walked out of the Oneida Correctional Facility. "I would like to thank all my fans all around the world for the thousands of letters, for their unwavering support.

Burress, wearing a base-ball cap with a black sweat-shirt and shorts, was greeted by agent Drew Rosenhaus as he left the upstate New York facility. Burress was planning to fly home to be reunited with his family, including a daughter born while he was imprisoned.

Rosenhaus said teams he has contacted had no concerns about taking Burress as a free agent.

"There are going to be multiple teams interested in signing him," he said. "I expect him to get a good contract. I expect him to absolutely be playing."

Woods dumps IMG to stay with agent

ORLANDO, Florida (AFP) – Tiger Woods is standing by his man, agent Mark Steinberg, rather than remaining with IMG, the agency which helped him become the world's first billion-dollar athlete in terms of endorsements.

Woods announced in a Twitter message on Monday that he will keep Steinberg as his agent even though Steinberg no longer works as a representative for IMG, the agency which was founded by Mark McCormack, who died in 2003.

Woods had been represented by IMG since turning professional in 1996 but his agent for the last 12 years has been Steinberg, who did not renew his contract with IMG when it expired two weeks ago.

"Staying with Mark Steinberg. Total confidence in him," Woods posted Monday morning on his Twitter microblogging webpage. "Excited about the next stage in my professional life.

Woods became the first athlete to reach \$1 billion in career endorsement income just two months before the revelations of a secret sex life with multiple mistresses that led to his divorce from wife Elin Nordegren last year.

Since news of the scandal became public 20 months ago, Woods has not won a tournament and has slid from atop the world golf rankings to 15th this week. Woods ranks only seventh among Americans on the list.

Mexico, Costa Rica win Gold Cup openers



Javier Hernandez #14 and Aldo De Nigris #9 of Mexico celerbrate a goal scored against El Salvador

ARLINGTON, Texas (AFP)

– Javier Hernandez scored three goals for Mexico in a 5-0 rout of El Salvador while Costa Rica blanked Cuba by the same score in the openers of the CONCACAF Gold Cup tournament.

The Mexicans and Salvadorans yesterday were scoreless in their Group A round-robin match until Efrain Juarez found the net in the 54th minute.

Aldo De Nigri followed three minutes later and "Chir-

charito" Hernandez followed with goals in the 60th and 66th minutes plus two minutes into stoppage time to complete the Group A roundrobin rout.

Costa Rica had two goals each from Marcos Urena and Alvaro Saborio in dispatching their Caribbean island foes

Urena opened the scoring in the sixth minute off a left wing centering pass from Christian Bolanos and Saborio scored in the 40th minute to put the Ticos on top 2-0 at half-time.

Urena scored again in the first minute of the second half and Saborio found the net for the second time in the 47th minute. Joel Campbell finished the scoring in the 71st minute.

The tournament, whose winner qualifies for the 2013 FIFA Confederations Cup, continues Monday at Los Angeles with the first Group B matches, Jamaica against Grenada and Honduras against Guatemala.

Group A matches resume Thursday when Mexico will play Cuba and Costa Rica will face El Salvador at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Blatter goes for a tenor in search of wisdom

WASHINGTON (AFP) - FIFA president Sepp Blatter has named opera legend Placido Domingo, 70, former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, 88, and Dutch football icon Johan Cruyff to a "council of wisdom" to help solve FIFA's woes.

The 75-year-old global football supremo, elected unopposed to a fourth and final term as FIFA president last week, told CNN on Monday that he has assembled a solutions committee to deal with controversy involving his election and selection of

World Cup hosts.

"These gentlemen are more or less advisors," Blatter told CNN. "They are not the experts but advisors and what they should be also is the kind of council of wisdom -- which my executive committee would not like because they think they are the council of wisdom."

"To rebuild the image of FIFA, that's No. 1," Blatter said of his priorities.

To that aim of credibility, Blatter named people whose links to football are far less strong than their fame in other areas.



Singh's major streak appears done at 67

COLUMBUS (AFP) - Fiji's former golf world number one Vijay Singh missed his tee time for a US Open qualifying tournament on Monday, probably putting an end to his run of playing in 67 consecutive major golf championships over the past 17 years.

The 48-year-old said after

Sunday's final round of the US PGA Memorial, in which he fired a seven-under par 65, that he would not play in the Monday qualifier.

The only other path remaining for Singh to earn a berth into next week's US Open at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland, would be to win or

finish second at this week's US PGA St. Jude Classic in Memphis, Tennessee.

Singh was ranked World No. 1 for 32 weeks in 2004 and 2005 and is three-time major title winner, landing the 2000 Masters and the 1998 and 2004 PGA Championships.







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